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1. Possible Nationalist withdrawal from Nanking -- The Department of State has instructed US Ambassador Stuart that, if Chiang Kai-shek and his government depart from Nanking, Stuart should seek instructions from Washington before making any decisions about leaving the capital. The Department has also advised Stuart to inform the Chinese Government, if he is approached by them concerning this matter, that he must refer the problem to the US Government which will make a decision in the light of the situation existing at that time.

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